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# Flexible Spending Accounts (FSA) Reminder

The grace period for 2005 claims was extended to March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2006. As a result of this extension, the deadline for filing 2005 claims was moved from April 30 to May 31. All 2005 FSA claims that were incurred between January 2005 and March 15, 2006 must be submitted for payment by May 31, 2006. Any claims for 2005 submitted after this date will not be paid. For more information, please visit the FSA website <a href="https://www.fsafeds.com">www.fsafeds.com</a>

## Health Issue: Federal Employees assigned to 9/11/01 WTC Incident

Since the World Trade Center disaster in 2001, many people have expressed concerns about the possibility of health effects associated with the events of that day that include exposure to the resultant smoke and debris. In response to these concerns, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) provided funds to the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Public Health Emergency Preparedness (OPHEP) to medically screen Federal employees who responded to the WTC site or Staten Island recovery operation. The WTC Federal Responder Screening Program is designed to detect adverse health effects and will allow federal workers to receive a comprehensive, confidential medical screening and test results. You are eligible for the program if you are a current, former, or retired Federal employee and were involved in rescue, recovery, or cleanup operations in or around the World Trade Center site or at any of the debris handling operations on Staten Island for at least one shift any time between September 11, 2001 and September 10, 2002.

In order to enroll, simply log on to the program's website at <a href="https://wtcophep.rti.org">https://wtcophep.rti.org</a>

and select "Enroll in Program." A form will appear where you will answer a few eligibility questions and then fill in your name and contact information. After you register on-line, you will be contacted to schedule an examination at a location convenient for you.

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